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SUBJ: LABOR SEMINAR PLOVDIV FAIR

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1. ITEMS LISTED REFTEL USUALLY DECIDED BY EMBASSY STAFF BASED ON (A) THEIR INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL SITUATION (B) THEIR ASSESSMENT OF RELEVANCE OF SEMINAR TO GOB NEEDS (C) GOB GENERAL INTEREST IN TOPIC AND (D) NUMBER AND KINDS OF ORGANIZATIONS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LABOR SEMINAR SUBJECTS.

IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE METHODS OF SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS HAVE VARIED FROM FIVE, ONE-DAY SEMINARS TO ONE FIVE-DAY SEMINAR. DEPT OF LABOR IN THIS CASE RECOMMENDS TWO, TWO-DAY SEMINARS OF APPROXIMATELY 6 HOURS EACH. THIS WILL ALLOW ADEQUATE PRESENTATIONS OF SUBJECT AND FOR QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIODS WHERE USEFUL EXCHANGES OR DIALOGUE CAN TAKE PLACE. DOL MISSION IN ANY CASE WILL BE FLEXIBLE AND CAPABLE OF PRESENTING UNCLASSIFIED

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SEMINARS OF LENGTH AND DEPTH REQUIRED OR WANTED BY GOB. DATES

OF SEMINARS SEPT. 4-7 ACCEPTABLE DOL. ETA MISSION SEPT 2.

3. SIZE OF AUDIENCE DEPENDENT ON BULGARIAN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL AND THE SIZE OF THE HALL FACILITIES. DOL AGREEABLE TO HAVING SEMINAR WHEREVER EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE-- MOST DESIRABLE WAY IS ON SITE.

4. IF GOB SUPPLIES SOPHISTICATED AUDIENCE TRULY INTERESTED IN SKILLS TRAINING, AUDIENCE OF 30-35 PEOPLE IS OPTIMUM. IF PEOPLE SUPERFICIALLY SELECTED SIZE CAN GO TO TWICE THAT FIGURE.

5. SUGGEST THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE WITH PEOPLE HAVING GOB RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING WORKKS, ASSOCIATED WITH AUTO INDUSTRY I.E. MANUFACTURERS OR ASSEMBLERS, GARAGES, REPAIR SHOPS, SERVICE STATIONS, OIL COMPANIES. SECONDARY SOURCES, VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, PRODUCTIVITY ORGANIZATIONS, INDUSTRY IN GENERAL, WORKER ORGANIZATIONS, CITY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, ETC.

6. DEPT OF LABOR HAS BUDGET AVAILABLE FOR PROVIDING OVERHEAD COST OF FACILITIES WHETHER ON OR OFF SITE. HOWEVER, MOST ECONOMICAL AND FITTING WITHIN THE GENERAL INTENT OF U.S. FAIR PARTICIPATION IS THE FAIR SITE. IF OUTSIDE OF FAIR SITE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WILLING TO PAY ONLY NOMINAL COST. PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION GOB PROVIDED OFF SITE LOCATION AT NO COST.

7. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FUNDS NTE 4000 DOLS FOR ALL LABOR EXPENSE IN BULGARIA. LABOR PAYS COST OF INTERPRETERS, TRANSLATIONS IF ANY CASUAL SUPPORT SUCH AS SECRETARY, DRIVERS, REPRESENTATION OF NTE 75.00, CAR RENTAL, EQUIPMENT, BRIEFING OR OTHER RELATED EXPENSE OF ADMINISTERING THE SEMINAR.

8. BULGARIAN PARTICIPANTS' EXPENSES ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOB; NO PROVISIONS FOR PER DIEM, TRAVEL OR HOUSING OF PARTICIPANTS ARE POSSIBLE EXCEPT UNDER EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY, THEN TO LIMITED DEGREE.

9. DOL ALSO FEELS FUNDS WOULD ALLOW FOR PRESENTING SEMINAR AT SOFIA EITHER PRIOR TO OR AFTER PLOVDIV. RUSH

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